REMARKS

Applicants have amended the instant application to add claim 23. It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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